Dear Dr. Friedman:

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I am appalled that the Food and Drug Administration continues to require animal testing for the development of pharmaceuticals. As **you know, many drugs** that have been tested on animals have been pulled **off the** market after proving harmful to humans. Moreover, other drags that have been shown to be harmful to animals later have been found to be safe and effective for humans.

As a taxpayer, I demand that the FDA stop requiring animal tests for pharmaceuticals and instead allow companies to substitute non-animal testing methods. Corporations have put millions of dollars into implementing alternatives to pharmaceutical testing on animals. Currently there are many available non-animal testing methods that are safe and reliable. It is time for the FDA to change its regulations regarding acceptable testing methods for pharmaceuticals.

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